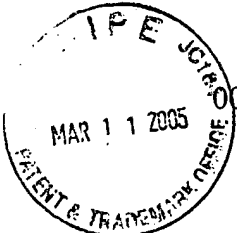


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: Group Art Unit: 2621
Application No.: 10/073,112)
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, Applicants hereby
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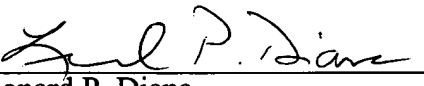
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Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

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